

(d) To recognize in each County of the State and the City of Baltimore a Local Council of Defense which shall cooperate with and assist the Maryland Council of Defense and shall perform such services as may be requested by it. Local Councils may act jointly with other such Councils. Insofar as applicable Local Councils shall have the same powers and duties within their respective jurisdiction as are vested in the Maryland Council of Defense. Such Local Councils shall terminate or cease activity whenever the Maryland Council of Defense is dissolved or suspended.

(e) To do all acts and things not inconsistent with law for the furtherance of defense activities.

(f) Utilization of Existing Services and Facilities—In order to avoid duplication of services and facilities the Maryland Council of Defense and the Local Councils of Defense are directed to utilize the services and facilities of existing officers, offices, departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, institutions and other agencies of the State and of the political subdivisions thereof. All such officers and agencies shall cooperate with and extend their services and facilities to the Maryland Council of Defense upon its request.

BLACKOUTS AND OTHER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST ATTACK.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That (a) the Maryland Council of Defense through its Executive Committee shall have the power to take such precautionary measures as may be necessary and appropriate for the safety, defense and protection of the civilian population of the State and property within the State with respect to air raids and other forms of attack. In furtherance of this power and duty the Executive Committee of the Maryland Council of Defense shall have power to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules, regulations and orders for this purpose, and shall cause such rules, regulations and orders to be published and disseminated in such manner and to such extent as it shall deem necessary and advisable. Such rules, regulations and orders so adopted shall have the same force as if they formed a part of this Act. Subject to the provisions of this Act, and without limiting the general power conferred above, the Executive Committee of the Maryland Council of Defense shall have the power to make rules, regulations and orders regarding:

(1) The organization, recruiting, maintenance of observation and listening posts; and the organization, recruiting, training, maintenance and operation of information and control centers, including the location thereof, and such other